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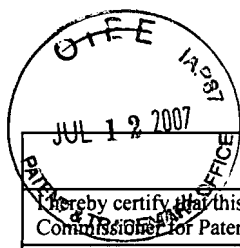
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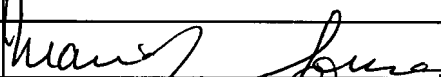
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<b>RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	GUID-011CON2 3571
	First Named Inventor	Hu
	Application Number	10/734,353
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	Group Art Unit	3732
	Examiner Name	O'Connor, Cary E.
	Title	Surgical Instruments for Accessing and Stabilizing a Localized Portion of a Beating Heart

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 13, 2007 for which a one-month period for response was given making this response due on or before July 13, 2007.

**THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Official Action dated June 13, 2007, the Examiner required restriction among the three following "inventions" that were identified by the Examiner:

Group I – claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-13, 15-16 and 84-108 drawn to an instrument mount apparatus and system;

Group II – claims 69-71 and 77, drawn to an apparatus for stabilizing a beating heart; and

Group III, claims 109-112, drawn to a method for stabilizing a portion of a heart.

The Examiner required election of one of the above-listed inventions I-III to be responsive to the Office Action.

**RESPONSE**

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-13, 15-16 and 84-108, with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that it would not be an undue burden upon the Office to examine all of the claims in the instant application together in this case.

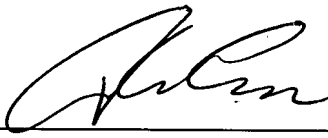
**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that a proper response has been made to the Restriction Requirement., and that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number GUID-011CON2.

Respectfully submitted,  
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